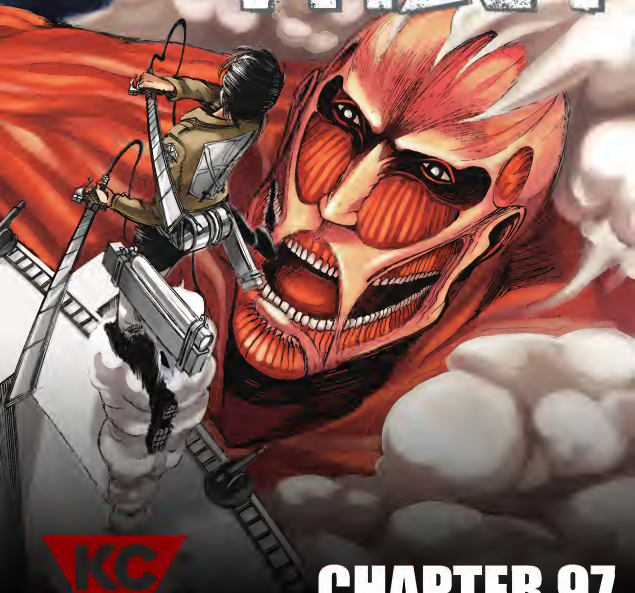


ATTACK on TITAN

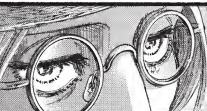


KC
KODANSHA
COMICS

CHAPTER 97
HAJIME ISAYAMA



IF I CAN
FIGURE OUT
WHERE HE'S
HEADED NOW...

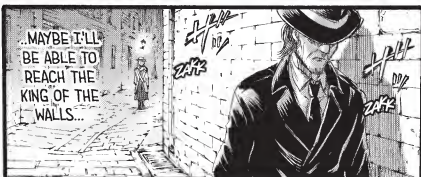


SOMETHING ABOUT HIM
FEELS DIFFERENT FROM
THE REST OF THE ROYAL
GOVERNMENT'S TOP
OFFICIALS.

THAT
MAN IN A
BLACK
COAT



...MAYBE I'LL
BE ABLE TO
REACH THE
KING OF THE
WALLS...

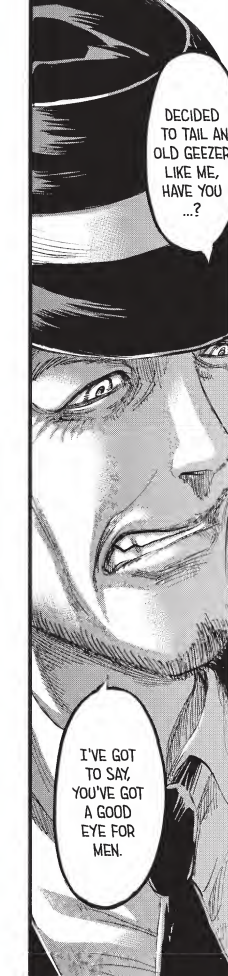


HUH
...?

Chapter 97: From One Hand to Another

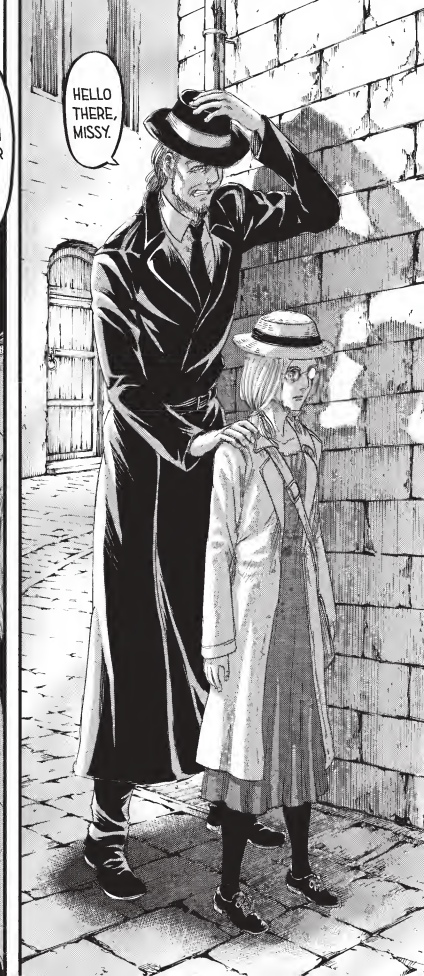


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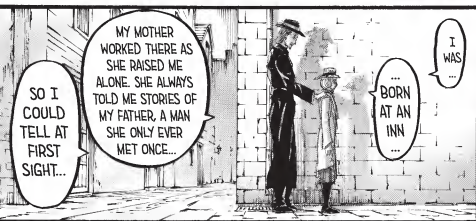
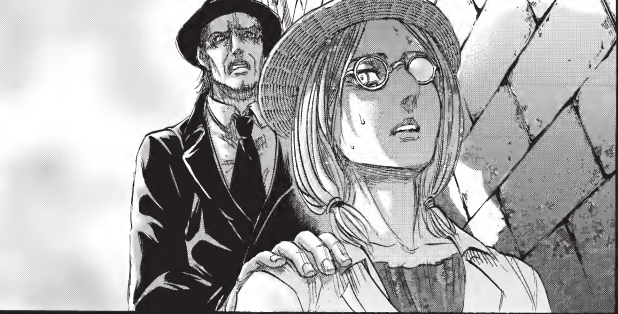
A close-up, black and white illustration of a man's face. He is wearing a dark hat and has a slight, knowing smile. His eyes are looking slightly to the side.

DECIDED
TO TAIL AN
OLD GEEZER
LIKE ME,
HAVE YOU
...?

I'VE GOT
TO SAY,
YOU'VE GOT
A GOOD
EYE FOR
MEN.

A black and white illustration of a man and a woman standing in a stone-walled alleyway. The man is wearing a long dark trench coat and a fedora, with his hand on his hat. The woman is wearing a light-colored trench coat, a straw hat, and glasses. They are both looking towards the right.

HELLO
THERE,
MISSY.



SO I
COULD
TELL AT
FIRST
SIGHT...

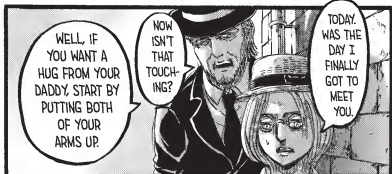
MY MOTHER
WORKED THERE AS
SHE RAISED ME
ALONE. SHE ALWAYS
TOLD ME STORIES OF
MY FATHER, A MAN
SHE ONLY EVER
MET ONCE...

...
BORN
AT AN
INN
...

I
WAS
...



...ARE YOU
REALLY SO
CERTAIN
IT'S NOT
TRUE?



WELL, IF
YOU WANT A
HUG FROM YOUR
DADDY, START BY
PUTTING BOTH
OF YOUR
ARMS UP.

NOW
ISN'T
THAT
TOUCH-
ING?

TODAY,
WAS THE
DAY I
FINALLY
GOT TO
MEET
YOU.

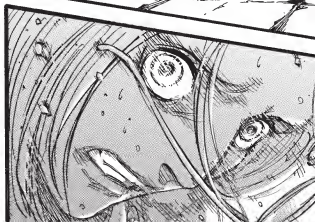
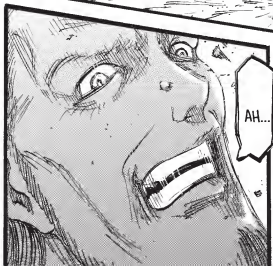
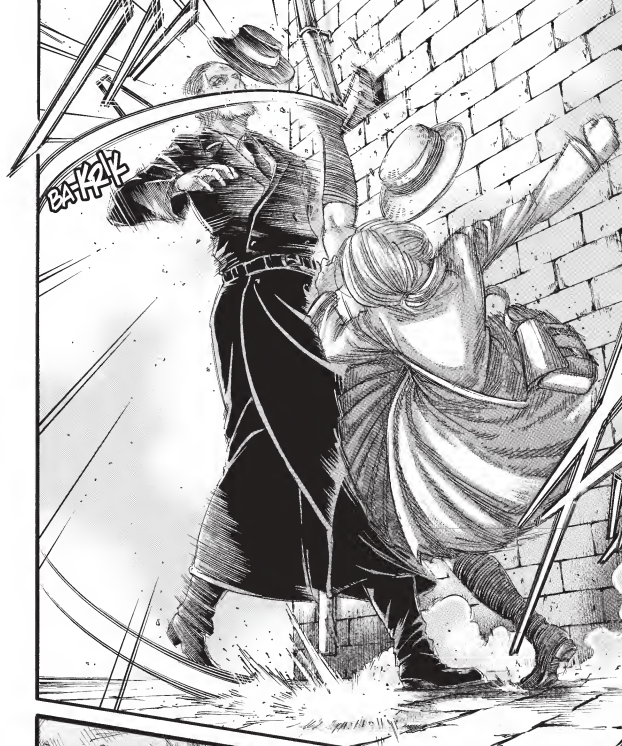


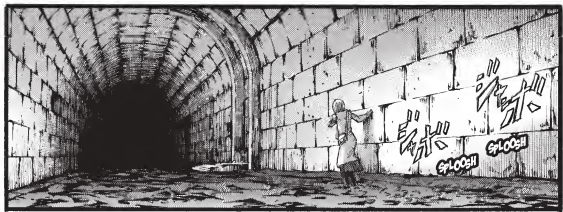
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU,
DADDY
...



AND
THERE'S
NO KIND OF
JOKE I HATE
MORE THAN THE
ONE YOU'RE
TELLING
RIGHT
NOW.

NOT A
CHANCE.







NO, I'D
SAY HIS
TORSO IS
SAYING
WE'LL HAVE
CLEAR
SKIES.

WOW,
HE'S
DOING
IT
AGAIN...

SO,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
TODAY'S
LEGS
MEAN?
SNOW?

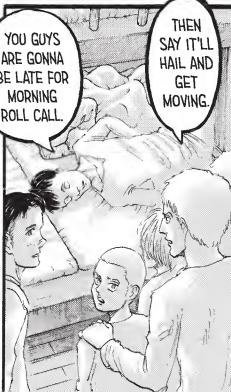


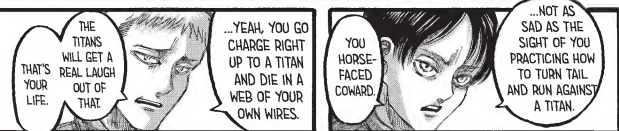
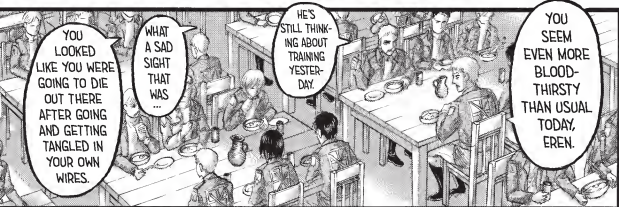
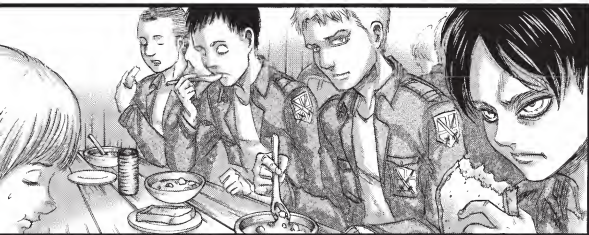
WAKE UP,
BERTOLT.

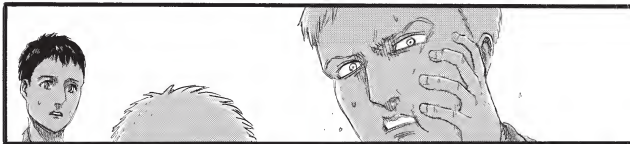
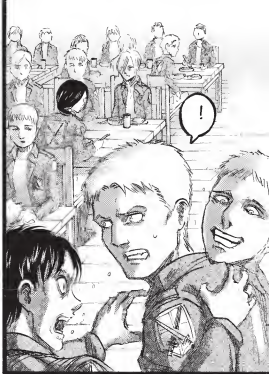
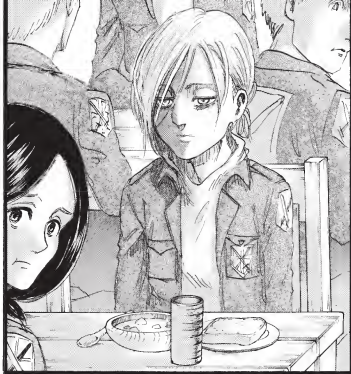
UNNGH
...

YOU GUYS
ARE GONNA
BE LATE FOR
MORNING
ROLL CALL.

THEN
SAY IT'LL
HAIL AND
GET
MOVING.



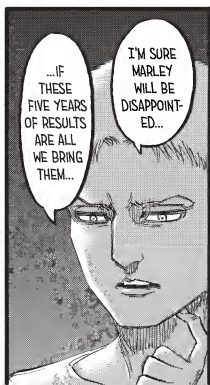
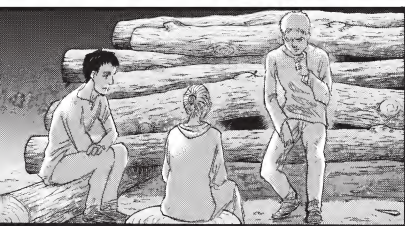
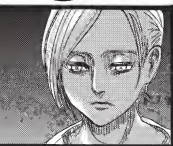
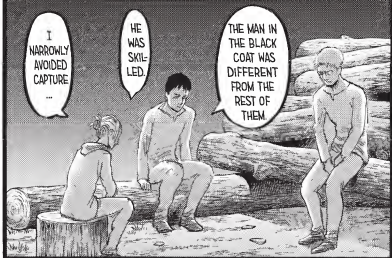


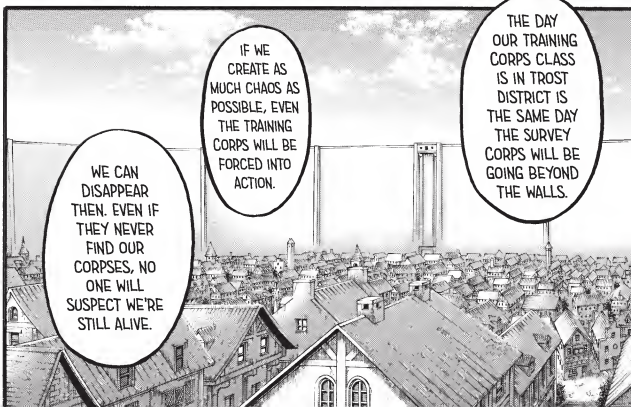
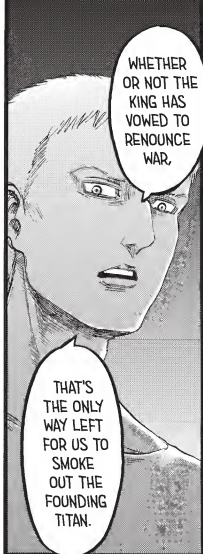


MEAN-
WHILE
...

I
WAS
CRAWLING
AROUND
THE ROYAL
CAPITAL'S
SEWERS.

WHILE
YOU TWO
WERE
TUCKERED
OUT AFTER
PLAYING
WITH YOUR
FRIENDS.







WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WE'LL MOVE AS THE KING OF THE WALLS MOVES AND PUT OURSELVES IN THE BEST POSITION TO TAKE ACTION.

IF IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE IN THE TOP TEN, WE CAN WAIT TO GRADUATE AND BECOME MPS IN THE INTERIOR.

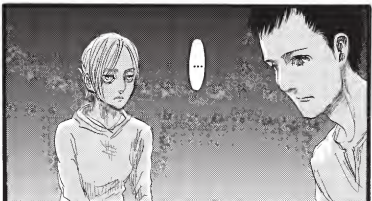
OR, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, WE CAN EVEN CONTINUE BEING SOLDIERS.

WE CAN EVEN SLIP INTO THE HUGE CROWDS OF REFUGEES THAT WILL END UP FLOODING THE ROYAL CAPITAL.

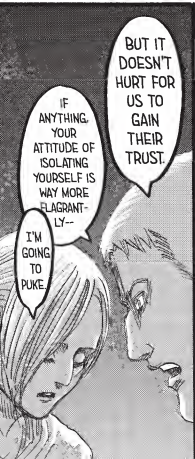


... MAYBE ALL OF THEM.

A LOT OF YOUR FRIENDS WILL DIE.



...



IF ANYTHING, YOUR ATTITUDE OF ISOLATING YOURSELF IS WAY MORE FLAGRANTLY--

I'M GOING TO PUKE.

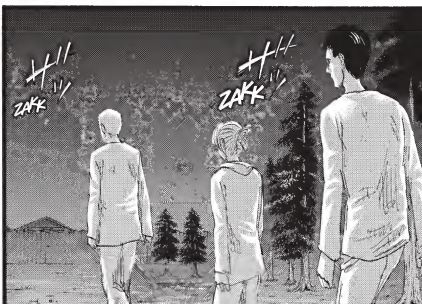
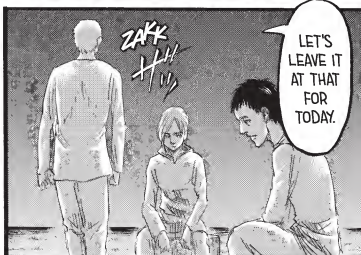
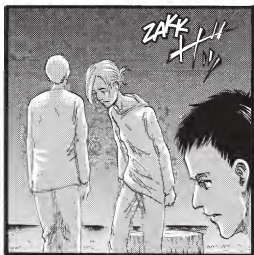
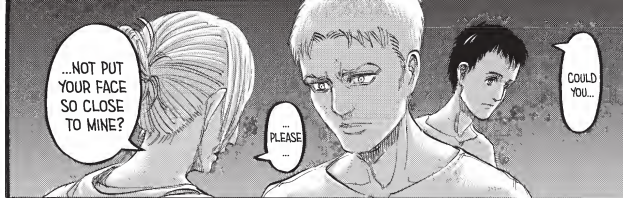
BUT IT DOESN'T HURT FOR US TO GAIN THEIR TRUST.

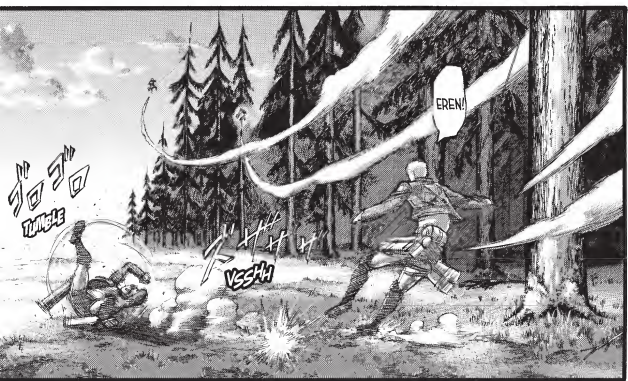
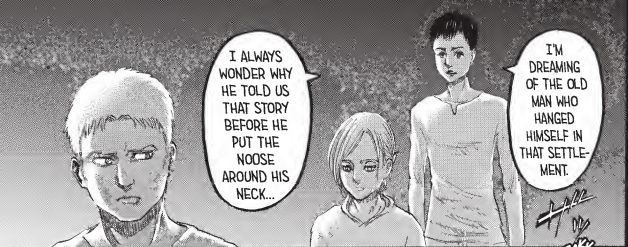


THEY'RE ELDIAN DEVILS. THEY AREN'T LIKE US.

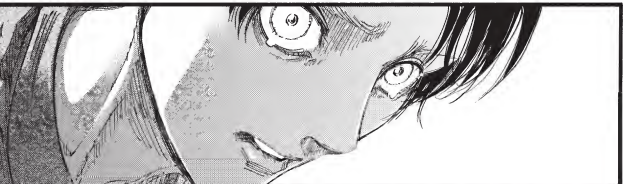
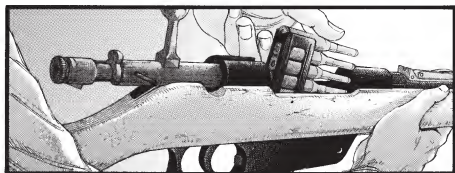
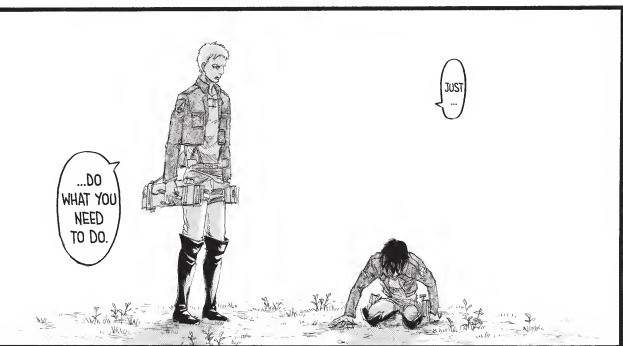
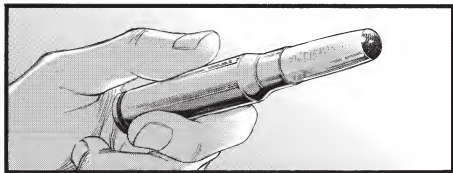
THEY AREN'T OUR FRIENDS.

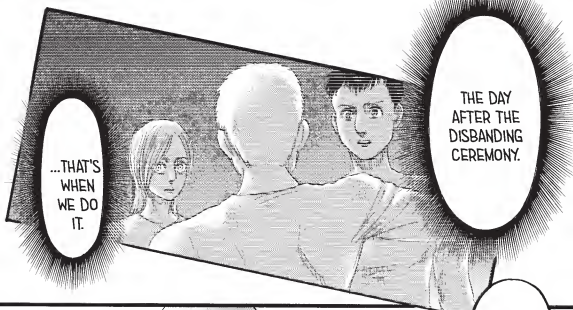
...HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU?





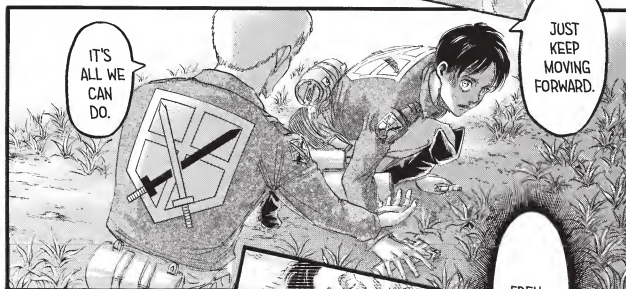






...THAT'S
WHEN
WE DO
IT.

THE DAY
AFTER THE
DISBANDING
CEREMONY.



IT'S
ALL WE
CAN
DO.

JUST
KEEP
MOVING
FORWARD.



EREN...
WERE YOU
REALLY...

MARCO

...

HE'S
BEING
EATEN

...

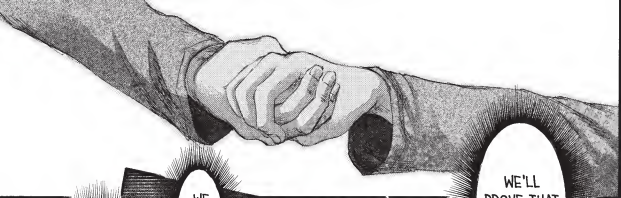


HEY

...

WHY

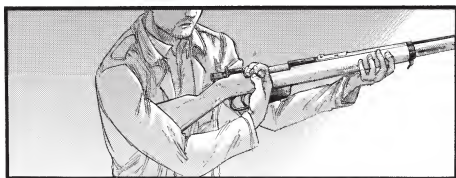
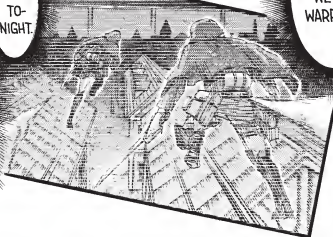
...



WE
DO IT
TO-
NIGHT.

WE'LL
PROVE THAT
WE ARE
WARRIORS.

ANNIE
AND I WILL
TAKE CARE OF
THE TWO
CAPTURED
TITANS
BEFORE THEY
CAN LEARN
MORE ABOUT
THEM.



YEAH
...

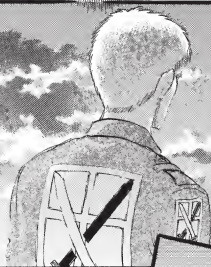
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

WE
DIDN'T
KNOW A
THING.

WE
WERE
JUST
KIDS...

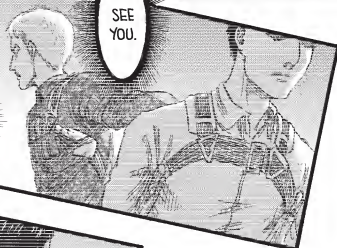


I
JUST
HAVE TO
KEEP
MOVING
FORWARD.



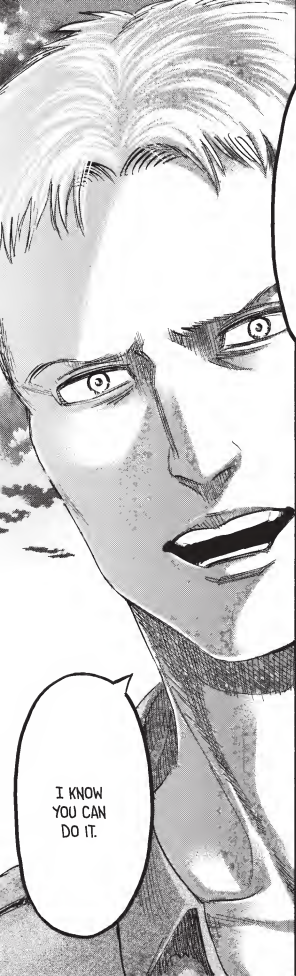
SEE
YOU.

I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU,
BUDDY.

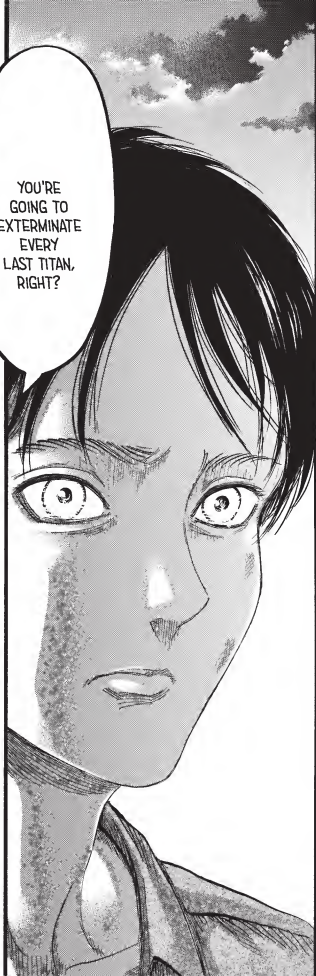


I'VE
GOT
THIS.



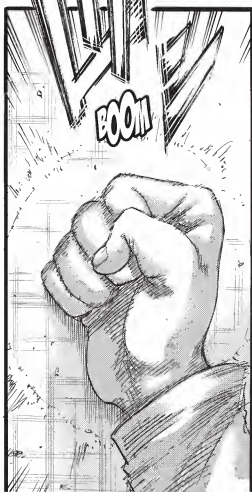
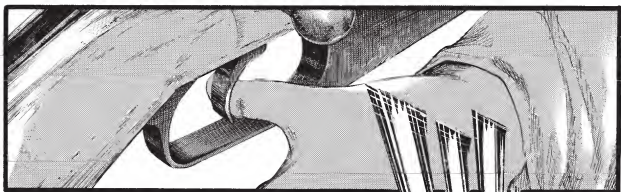
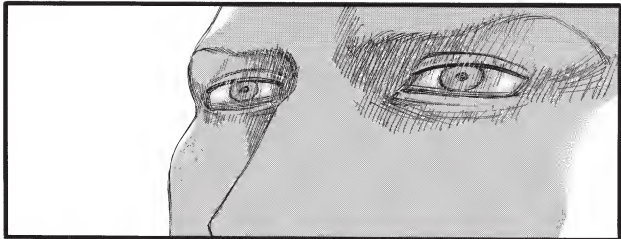


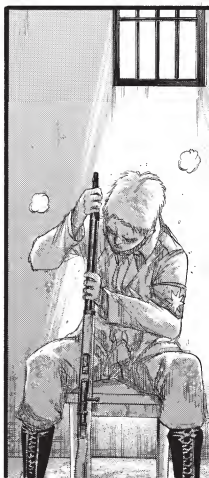
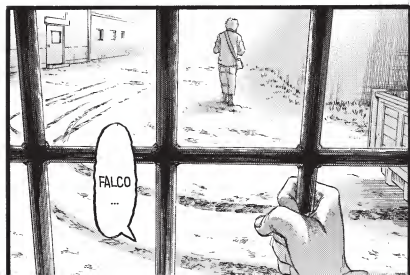
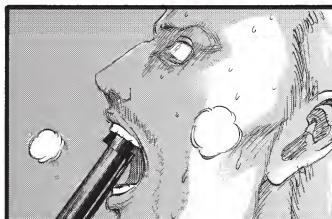
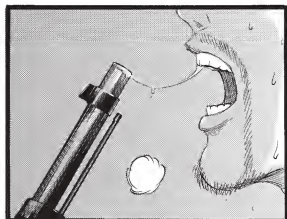
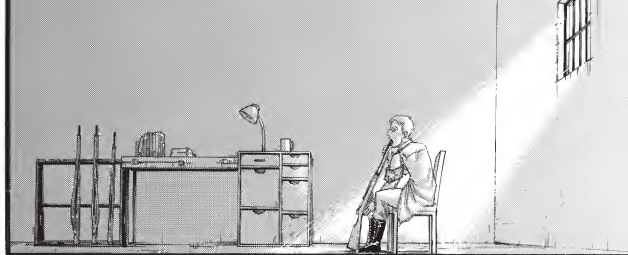
YOU'RE
GOING TO
EXTERMINATE
EVERY
LAST TITAN,
RIGHT?

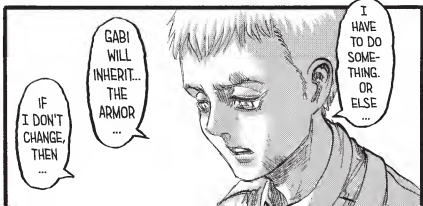
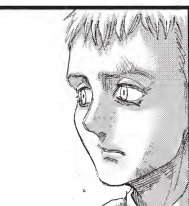
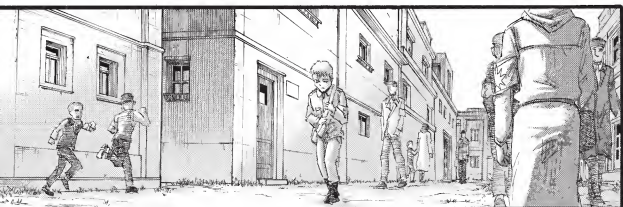
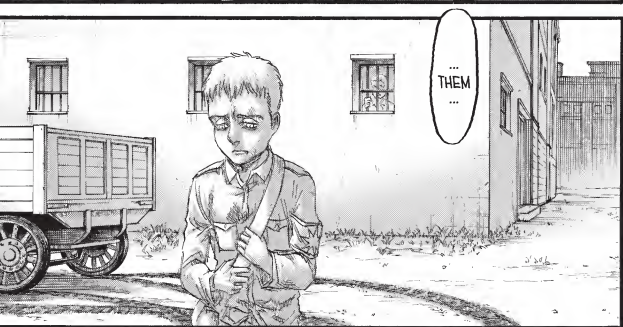
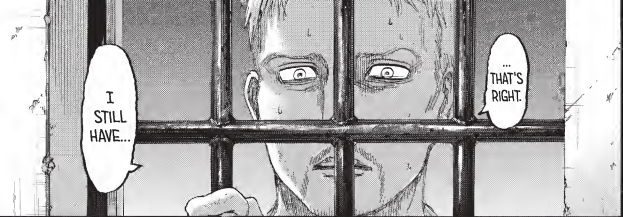


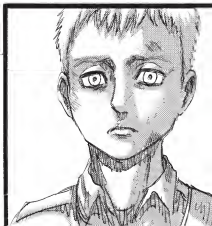
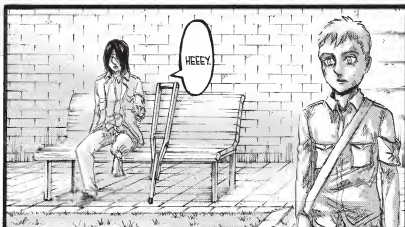
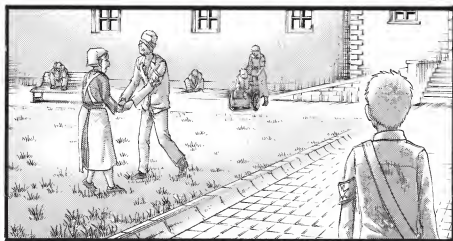
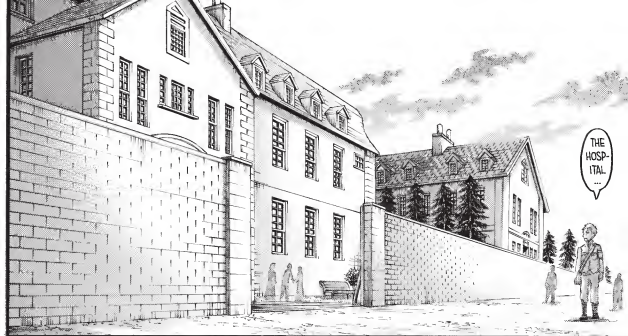
I KNOW
YOU CAN
DO IT.

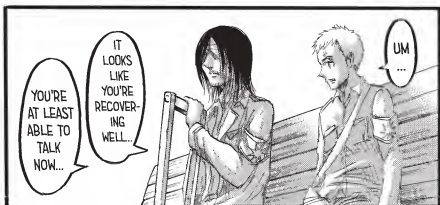
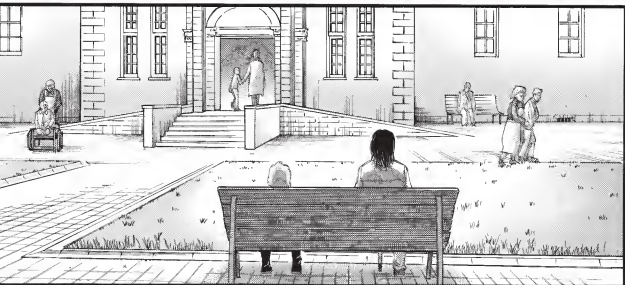
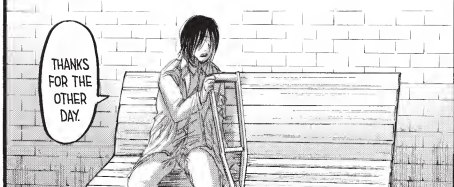


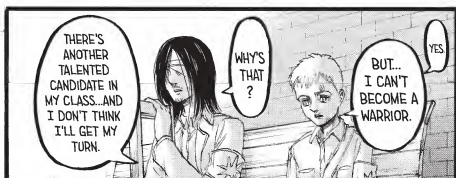


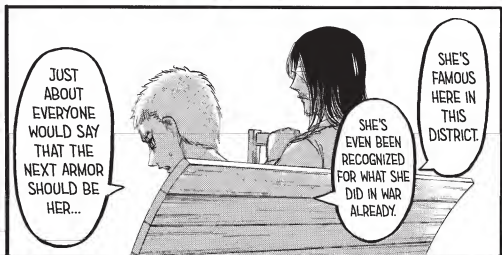
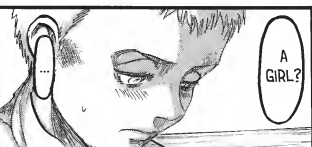
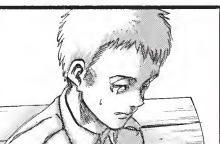
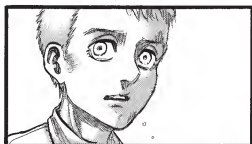
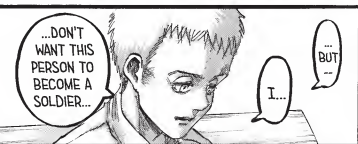
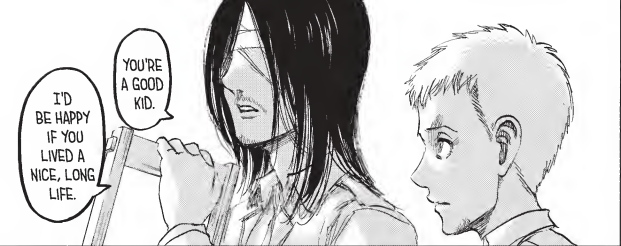












...
A
THING.

IT'S
ALL GOING
TO END
WITHOUT
ME
DOING
...

SO
...

BUT I'M
POWER-
LESS.

I
...

PEOPLE
WITH NO
FREEDOM
LEFT TO
THEM
...

RUINED
MINDS
AND
BODIES
...

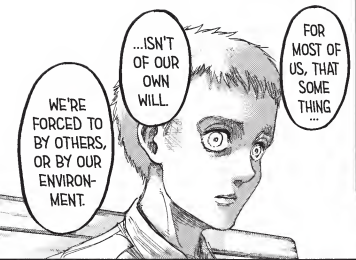
PEOPLE
WHO HAVE
EVEN LOST
THEM
SELVES
...

HOW DID
THINGS
TURN
OUT THIS
WAY?

I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
EVERY DAY
SINCE
COMING
HERE.

...IF
THEY KNEW
THEY WERE
GOING TO END
UP LIKE
THIS?

WHAT
KIND OF
PERSON
WOULD WANT
TO GO TO
WAR...



WE'RE
FORCED TO
BY OTHERS,
OR BY OUR
ENVIRON-
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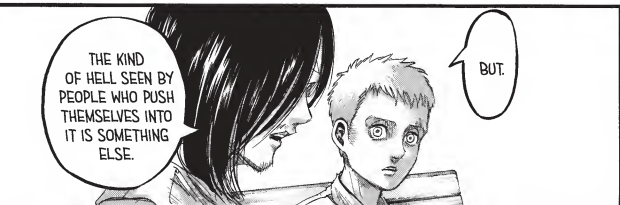
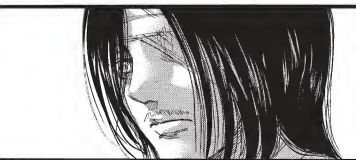
...ISN'T
OF OUR
OWN
WILL.

FOR
MOST OF
US, THAT
SOME
THING ...



BUT...
THERE
WAS
**SOME-
THING**
PUSHING
US ALL
ALONG,

CAUSING
US TO
STEP
RIGHT
INTO
HELL.



THE KIND
OF HELL SEEN BY
PEOPLE WHO PUSH
THEMSELVES INTO
IT IS SOMETHING
ELSE.

BUT.



MAYBE
IT'S YET
ANOTHER
HELL.

MAYBE
IT'S HOPE.

THEY
ALSO SEE
SOMETHING
BEYOND
THAT HELL.



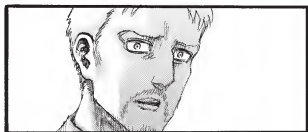
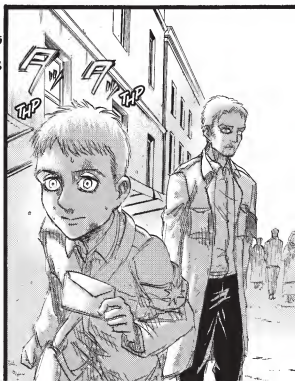
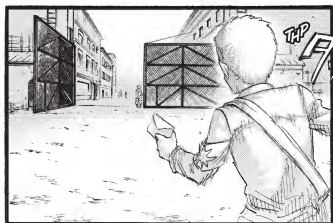
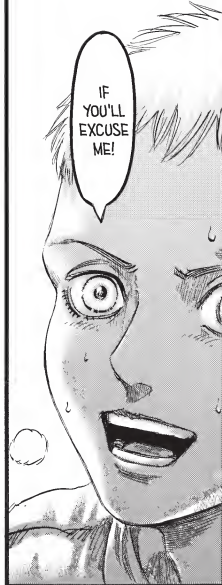
I
DON'T
KNOW
WHICH
IT IS.

THE ONLY
PEOPLE WHO
DO KNOW...ARE
THE ONES WHO
KEEP MOVING
FORWARD.

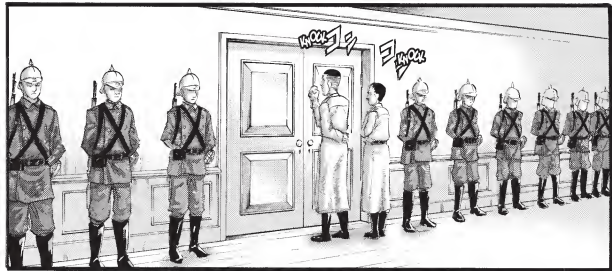


IT'S
GETTING
LATE. WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

FALCO...







THEY'RE
THE TYBUR
FAMILY'S
PERSONAL
GUARDS
...

THESE
AREN'T
MARLEYAN
SOLDIERS.

...



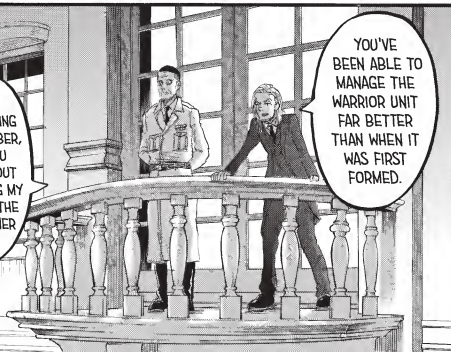
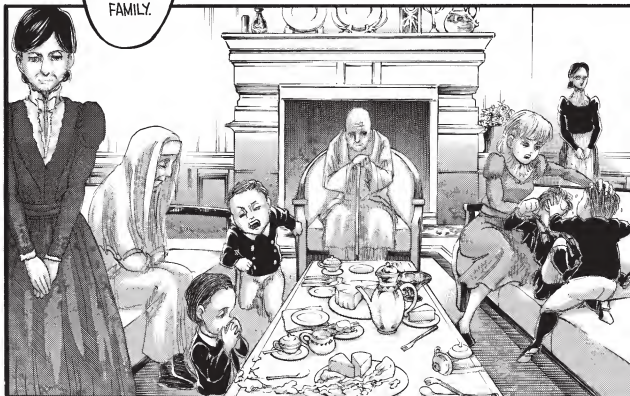
COME
IN.

CA-CH!



ALLOW
ME TO
INTRODUCE
YOU TO
THE REST
OF THE
TYBUR
FAMILY.

AND
...



SO
CONSIDERING
YOUR CALIBER,
HAVE YOU
FIGURED OUT
WHO AMONG MY
FAMILY IS THE
WAR HAMMER
TITAN?

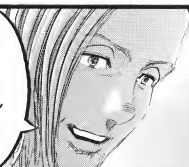
YOU'VE
BEEN ABLE TO
MANAGE THE
WARRIOR UNIT
FAR BETTER
THAN WHEN IT
WAS FIRST
FORMED.



NOR AM
I SURE IF
THAT
INDIVIDUAL IS
EVEN HERE
WITH YOU
TODAY.

I
DON'T
HAVE A
CLUE.

...NO.



ONLY A
SELECT FEW
HAVE BEEN TOLD
THE IDENTITY OF
THE WAR HAMMER,
EVEN AMONG THE
VERY TOP RANKS
IN MARLEY.

WE VERY
RARELY
MAKE
APPEAR-
ANCES.

JUST
AS I'VE
HEARD,
YOU'RE AN
ATTENTIVE
MAN.

HEH
...



I
FIND IT
VERY
PECUL-
IAR.

BUT HE
WAS FORCED
TO LEAVE ON
SHORT NOTICE
THIS MORNING
ON ORDERS
FROM HIS
SUPERIOR.

I
IMAGINE
THE LEADER
HERE AT
HEADQUAR-
TERS WOULD
BE ONE OF
THOSE
SELECT
FEW.



...COMP-
LETELY
UN-
RELATED?



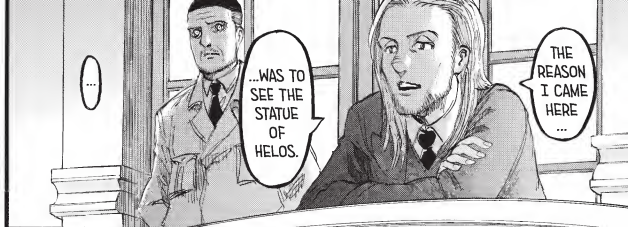
IS
THIS AND
THE FACT
OF YOUR
SUDDEN
ARRIVAL
WITH YOUR
ENTIRE
FAMILY
...



...I AM
TALKING
TO YOU IN
HIS
PLACE.

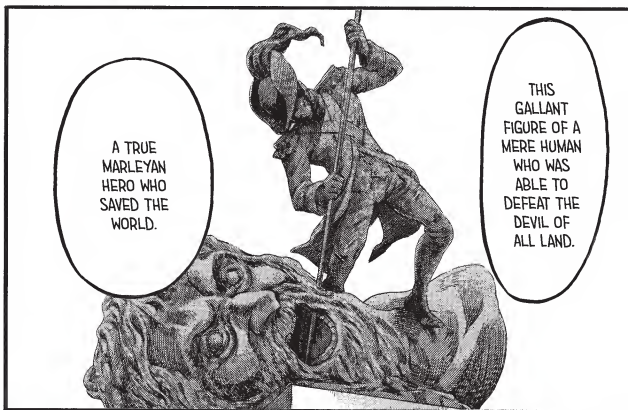


AND
THAT
IS WHY
NOW
...



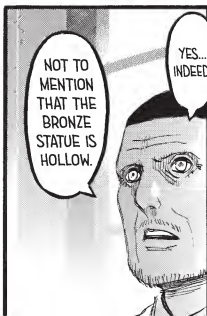
...WAS TO
SEE THE
STATUE
OF
HELOS.

THE
REASON
I CAME
HERE
...



A TRUE
MARLEYAN
HERO WHO
SAVED THE
WORLD.

THIS
GALLANT
FIGURE OF A
MERE HUMAN
WHO WAS
ABLE TO
DEFEAT THE
DEVIL OF
ALL LAND.



NOT TO
MENTION
THAT THE
BRONZE
STATUE IS
HOLLOW.

YES...
INDEED.



TRULY
THE
MARLEYAN
SOUL
PERSON-
IFIED.

COM-
PLETELY
UN-
WOUN-
DED.

BEAU-
TIFUL.

BRAVE.

AN
INCRED-
IBLE
FEAT.



...THAT YOU
ARE EVEN
WORKING TO
REINSTATE
CONSCRIPTION
FOR
MARLEYANS.

RUMORS
SAY
...

QUITE
UNSPARING.
COMMANDER.

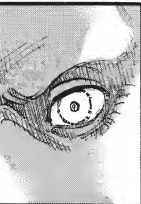


AND IT'S
EVEN BETTER
WHEN THEY KNOW
THE ONES BEING
SHOWEDED BY
BULLETS ARE TAMED
DESCENDENTS OF
DEVILS.

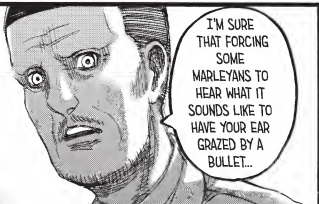
IT'S
SOMETHING
NICE AND EASY
TO THEM. THEY
READ A FEW
WORDS AND NEXT
THING THEY KNOW,
THEIR
BORDERS HAVE
EXPANDED.



...WAR TO
MARLEYANS IS
SOMETHING THAT
EXISTS ONLY ON
THE PAGES OF
THEIR
NEWSPAPERS.



...WON'T BE
ENOUGH TO
STOP MARLEY'S
SELF-DESTRUCTIVE
MARCH TOWARD
WAR...

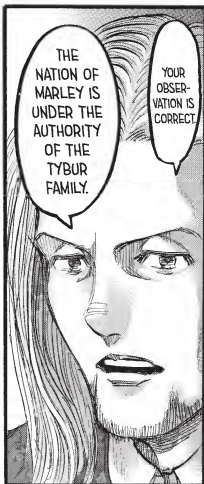
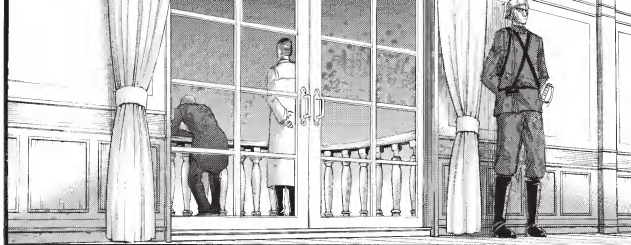


I'M SURE
THAT FORCING
SOME
MARLEYANS TO
HEAR WHAT IT
SOUNDS LIKE TO
HAVE YOUR EAR
GRAZED BY A
BULLET...

IT'S
ALREADY
TOO
LATE.

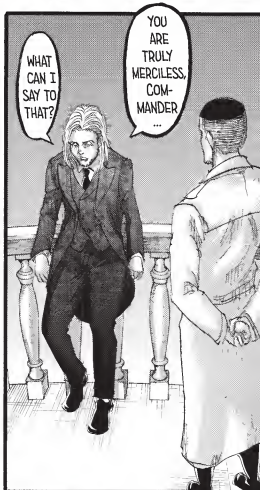


BUT
IF I HAVE
THE ATTENTION
OF THE MAN
CONTROLLING
MARLEY FROM
THE SHADOWS,
THERE'S
SOMETHING I
WANT TO SAY
ANYWAY.



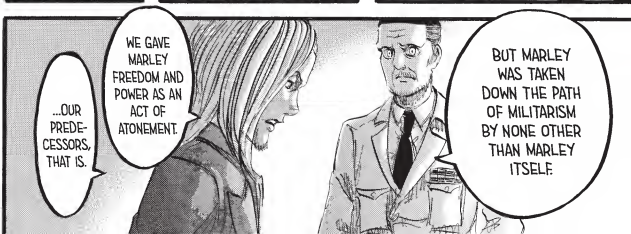
THE
NATION OF
MARLEY IS
UNDER THE
AUTHORITY
OF THE
TYBUR
FAMILY.

YOUR
OBSER-
VATION IS
CORRECT.



WHAT
CAN I
SAY TO
THAT?

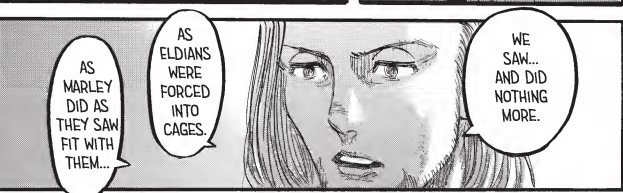
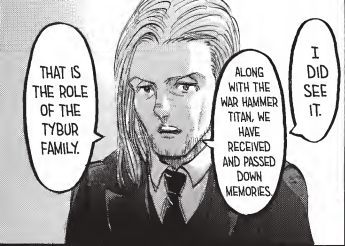
YOU
ARE
TRULY
MERCILESS,
COM-
MANDER
...

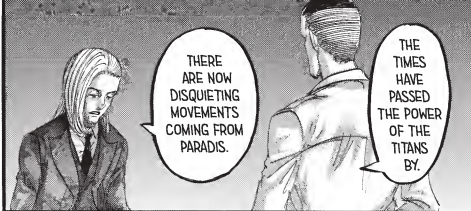
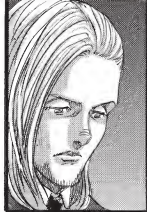


...OUR
PREDE-
CESSORS,
THAT IS.

WE GAVE
MARLEY
FREEDOM AND
POWER AS AN
ACT OF
ATONEMENT.

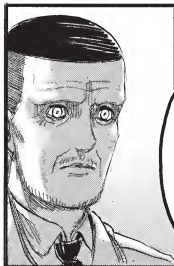
BUT MARLEY
WAS TAKEN
DOWN THE PATH
OF MILITARISM
BY NONE OTHER
THAN MARLEY
ITSELF.





THERE
ARE NOW
DISQUIETING
MOVEMENTS
COMING FROM
PARADIS.

THE
TIMES
HAVE
PASSED
THE POWER
OF THE
TITANS
BY.



THAT IS
WHERE I
WILL
ENTRUST
ALL MY
HOPES.



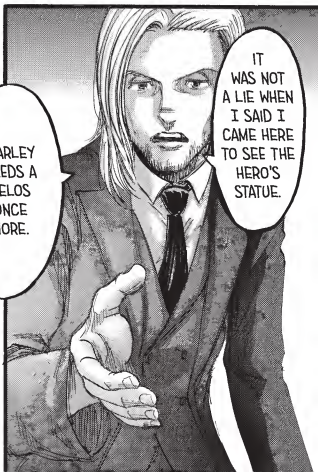
WE
PLAN IS
TO REVEAL
ALL TO
THE
WORLD...

...DURING
THE COMING
FESTIVAL.

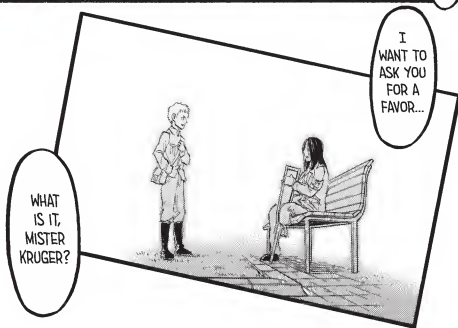
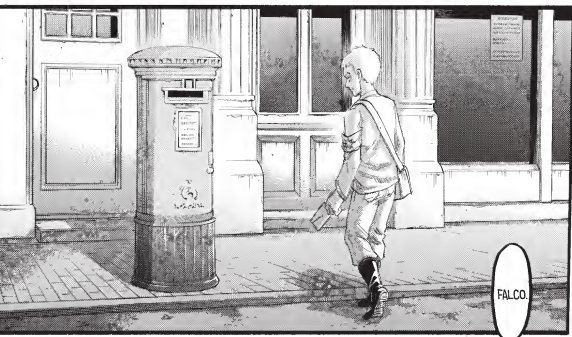


MARLEY
NEEDS A
HELOS
ONCE
MORE.

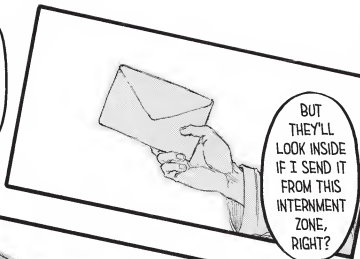
THEO
MAGATH...
WOULD YOU
DO ME THE
HONOR OF
SHAKING THIS
HAND?



IT
WAS NOT
A LIE WHEN
I SAID I
CAME HERE
TO SEE THE
HERO'S
STATUE.

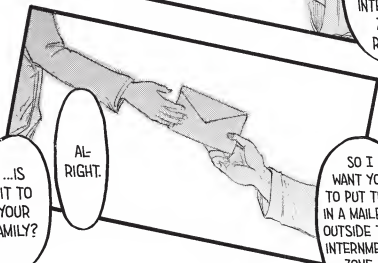


YEAH
...



BUT
THEY'LL
LOOK INSIDE
IF I SEND IT
FROM THIS
INTERMENT
ZONE,
RIGHT?

I WANT
TO SEND
A LETTER
...



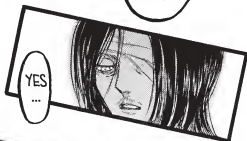
...IS
IT TO
YOUR
FAMILY?

AL-
RIGHT.

SO I
WANT YOU
TO PUT THIS
IN A MAIL-BOX
OUTSIDE THE
INTERMENT
ZONE.

THEY'LL
FIGURE OUT
I'M FAKING
AN ILLNESS
IF THAT
HAPPENS.

YES
...



...THAT I'M
HERE, AND
THAT I'M
ALRIGHT.

I JUST
WANT TO TELL
MY FAMILY...

